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November 9, 2023

Michael Pabian, Esq.
20 Park Plaza, Suite 1000
Boston, MA 02116

Re: United States v. Mark Moffett, No. 18-cr-10249-RGS

Dear Mr. Pabian:

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts (the "United States") and your client, Mark Moffett ("Defendant"), agree as follows, under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure ("Rule") 11(c)(1)(B):

1. Change of Plea

At the earliest date available from the Court, Defendant will plead guilty to count one of the Second Superseding Indictment: wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, on or about May 19, 2014. Defendant admits that Defendant committed the crime specified in this count and is in fact guilty of the offense charged in this count.

The United States agrees to dismiss the remaining counts in the Second Superseding Indictment after sentencing.

2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties: incarceration for 20 years; supervised release for 3 years; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the monetary gain or loss, whichever is greater; a mandatory special assessment of \$100; restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A; and forfeiture to the extent charged in the Second Superseding Indictment.

3. Sentencing Guidelines

The United States agrees, based on the following calculations, that Defendant's total "offense level" under the Guidelines is 18:

- a) Defendant's base offense level is 7, because the offense of conviction has a maximum term of incarceration of 20 years (USSG § 2B1.1(a)(1));
- b) Defendant's offense level is increased by 16, because the defendant caused a loss of at least \$1,500,000 and not more than \$3,500,000 (USSG § 2B1.1(b)(1)(I));
- c) Defendant's offense level is decreased by 3, because Defendant has accepted responsibility for Defendant's crime (USSG § 3E1.1); and
- d) Defendant's offense level is decreased by 2, because Defendant has no criminal history points (USSG § 4C1.1).

Defendant understands that the Court is not required to follow this calculation. Defendant also understands that the government will object to any reduction in Defendant's sentence based on acceptance of responsibility, and may be released from the parties' agreed-upon disposition in Paragraph 5 if: (a) at sentencing, Defendant (directly or through counsel) indicates that Defendant does not fully accept responsibility for having engaged in the conduct underlying each of the elements of the crime to which Defendant is pleading guilty; or (b) by the time of sentencing, Defendant has committed a new federal or state offense, or has in any way obstructed justice.

Nothing in this Plea Agreement affects the United States's obligation to provide the Court and the U.S. Probation Office with accurate and complete information regarding this case.

4. Sentence Recommendation

The United States agrees to recommend the following sentence to the Court:

- a) incarceration for 20 months;
- b) a fine if ordered by the Court;
- c) 12 months of supervised release;
- d) a mandatory special assessment of \$100, which Defendant must pay to the Clerk of the Court by the date of sentencing;
- e) restitution as determined by the Court; and
- f) forfeiture as determined by the Court.

Defendant agrees that all criminal monetary penalties, including special assessment, restitution, forfeiture, and/or fine imposed shall be due and payable immediately, and further agrees that any Court-ordered repayment schedule does not preclude further enforcement or collection by the United States.

5. Waiver of Appellate Rights and Challenges to Conviction or Sentence

Defendant has the right to challenge Defendant's conviction and sentence on "direct appeal." This means that Defendant has the right to ask a higher court (the "appeals court") to look at what happened in this case and, if the appeals court finds that the trial court or the parties made certain mistakes, overturn Defendant's conviction or sentence. Also, in some instances, Defendant has the right to file a separate civil lawsuit claiming that serious mistakes were made in this case and that Defendant's conviction or sentence should be overturned.

Defendant understands that Defendant has these rights, but now agrees to give them up. Specifically, Defendant agrees that:

- a) Defendant will not challenge Defendant's conviction on direct appeal or in any other proceeding, including in a separate civil lawsuit; and
- b) Defendant will not challenge any prison sentence of 20 months or less or any court orders relating to forfeiture, restitution, fines, or supervised release. This provision is binding even if the Court's Guidelines analysis is different than the one in this Agreement.

Defendant understands that, by agreeing to the above, Defendant is agreeing that Defendant's conviction and sentence (to the extent set forth in subparagraph (b), above) will be final when the Court issues a written judgment after the sentencing hearing in this case. That is, after the Court issues a written judgment, Defendant will lose the right to appeal or otherwise challenge Defendant's conviction and sentence (to the extent set forth in subparagraph (b), above), regardless of whether Defendant later changes Defendant's mind or finds new information that would have led Defendant not to agree to give up these rights in the first place. Defendant is agreeing to give up these rights in exchange for concessions the United States is making in this Agreement.

The parties agree that, despite giving up these rights, Defendant keeps the right to later claim that Defendant's lawyer rendered ineffective assistance of counsel, or that the prosecutor or a member of law enforcement involved in the case engaged in misconduct serious enough to entitle Defendant to have Defendant's conviction or sentence overturned.

6. Waiver of Hyde Amendment Claim

Defendant is aware that the Court can award attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses to defendants in certain criminal cases. In exchange for the concessions the United States is making in this Agreement, Defendant waives any claim under the so-called "Hyde Amendment," 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, that is based in whole or in part on the United States's agreement in Paragraph 1 to dismiss Counts Two through Fifteen.

7. Forfeiture

Defendant understands that the Court will, upon acceptance of Defendant's guilty plea, enter an order of forfeiture as part of Defendant's sentence, and that the order of forfeiture may

include assets directly traceable to Defendant's offense, assets used to facilitate Defendant's offense, substitute assets and/or a money judgment equal to the value of the property derived from, or otherwise involved in, the offense.

The assets to be forfeited specifically include, without limitation, the following:

- a. A Money Judgment to be entered in the form of an Order of Forfeiture by the Court at sentencing.

Defendant does not agree to an amount but admits that money is subject to mandatory forfeiture on the grounds that it is equal to the amount of proceeds the defendant derived from the offense.

Subject to the Court's determination at sentencing, Defendant acknowledges and agrees that the amount of the forfeiture money judgment represents proceeds the Defendant obtained (directly or indirectly), and/or facilitating property and/or property involved in, the crimes to which Defendant is pleading guilty and that, due at least in part to the acts or omissions of Defendant, the proceeds or property have been transferred to, or deposited with, a third party, spent, cannot be located upon exercise of due diligence, placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court, substantially diminished in value, or commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty. Accordingly, Defendant agrees that the United States is entitled to forfeit as "substitute assets" any other assets of Defendant up to the value of the now missing directly forfeitable assets.

Defendant agrees to consent to the entry of an order of forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(b)(1)(J), 32.2, and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, advice regarding the forfeiture at the change-of-plea hearing, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. Defendant understands and agrees that forfeiture shall not satisfy or affect any fine, lien, penalty, restitution, cost of imprisonment, tax liability or any other debt owed to the United States.

If the United States requests, Defendant shall deliver to the United States within 30 days after signing this Plea Agreement a sworn financial statement disclosing all assets in which Defendant currently has any interest and all assets over which Defendant has exercised control, or has had any legal or beneficial interest. Defendant further agrees to be deposed with respect to Defendant's assets at the request of the United States. Defendant agrees that the United States Department of Probation may share any financial information about the Defendant with the United States Attorney's Office.

Defendant also agrees to waive all constitutional, legal, and equitable challenges (including direct appeal, habeas corpus, or any other means) to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with this Plea Agreement.

Defendant hereby waives and releases any claims Defendant may have to any vehicles, currency, or other personal property seized by the United States, or seized by any state or local law enforcement agency and turned over to the United States, during the investigation and prosecution of this case, and consents to the forfeiture of all such assets.

8. Civil Liability

This Plea Agreement does not affect any civil liability, including any tax liability, Defendant has incurred or may later incur due to Defendant's criminal conduct and guilty plea to the charges specified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement.

9. Breach of Plea Agreement

Defendant understands that if Defendant breaches any provision of this Agreement, violates any condition of Defendant's pre-trial release or commits any crime following Defendant's execution of this Plea Agreement, Defendant cannot rely upon such conduct to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea. Defendant's conduct, however, would give the United States the right to be released from the United States's commitments under this Agreement, to pursue any charges that were, or are to be, dismissed under this Agreement, and to use against Defendant any of Defendant's statements, and any information or materials Defendant provided to the government during investigation or prosecution of Defendant's case—even if the parties had entered any earlier written or oral agreements or understandings about this issue.

Defendant also understands that if Defendant breaches any provision of this Agreement or engages in any of the aforementioned conduct, Defendant thereby waives any defenses based on the statute of limitations, constitutional protections against pre-indictment delay, and the Speedy Trial Act, that Defendant otherwise may have had to any charges based on conduct occurring before the date of this Agreement.

10. Who is Bound by Plea Agreement

This Agreement is only between Defendant and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. It does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state, or local prosecuting authorities.

11. Modifications to Plea Agreement

This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by both parties, or through proceedings in open court.

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If this letter accurately reflects the agreement between the United States and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Plea Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kriss Basil and David Derusha.

Sincerely,

ZACHARY CUNHA
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Acting Under Authority Conferred by
28 U.S.C. § 515

KELLY LAWRENCE

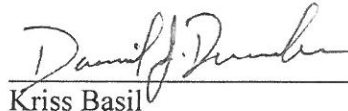
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Kriss Basil

David Derusha
Assistant U.S. Attorneys

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter and discussed it with my attorney. The letter accurately presents my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. There are no unwritten agreements between me and the United States Attorney's Office, and no United States government official has made any unwritten promises or representations to me in connection with my guilty plea. I have received no prior offers to resolve this case.

I understand the crime I am pleading guilty to, and the maximum penalties for that crime. I have discussed the Sentencing Guidelines with my lawyer, and I understand the sentencing ranges that may apply.

I am satisfied with the legal representation my lawyer has given me, and we have had enough time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charges against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Agreement and whether I should go to trial.

I am entering into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and because I am in fact guilty of the offense. I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.



Mark Moffett
Defendant

Date: 11/10/23

I certify that Mark Moffett has read this Agreement and that we have discussed what it means. I believe Mr. Moffett understands the Agreement and is entering into it freely, voluntarily, and knowingly. I also certify that the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts has not extended any other offers regarding a change of plea in this case.



Michael Pabian
Attorney for Defendant

Date: 11/10/23